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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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AMEMBASSY LONDON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 8100

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ZAIRE PROTESTS UK CHARGES OF VIOLATING RHODESIA
SANCTIONS.

1. ON SEPT 19 FONMIN UMBA-DI-LUTETE SUMMONED UK
AMBASSADOR STRATTON TO DEPT FONAFF AND EXPRESSED IN STRONG
TERMS HIS OWN AND PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S INDIGNATION OVER UK
CHARGES IN UN THAT ZAIRE WAS ONE OF SIX BLACK AFRICAN
COUNTRIES VIOLATING RHODESIAN SANCTIONS AGREEMENT. UMBA
SAID REPORT HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION THROUGH OAU
CHANNELS. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO REBUT THESE CHARGES
IN HIS SPEECH TO UNGA (SCHEDULED FOR OCT7), AND HE ASKED
FOR CLARIFICATION FROM HMG.

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2. STRATTON REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF UN ASPECT

OF CASE BUT RECALLED THAT HIS EMBASSY HAD SUBMITTED NOTE TO DEPTFONAFF LAST FALL CALLING GOZ ATTENTION TO SERIES OF DETAILED ARTICLES IN UK NEWSPAPER (OBSERVER) SHOWING THAT THERE WAS EGULAR AIR RUN FROM SALISBURY TO ATHENS VIA LUBUMBASHI AND LIBREVILLE TRANSPORTING MEAT. AT THAT TIME DEPT FONAFF HAD CLAIMED IT UNAWARE OF VIOLATIONS, HAD POINTED OUT IT WOULD NOT NORMALLY FORBID USE OF ITS LANDING FACILITIES TO AIRCRAFT OF FELLOW AFRICAN COUNTRY, AND HAD UNDERTAKEN TO MAKE INQUIRES AND REPORT TO HMS. (NO SUCH REPORT WAS FORTHCOMING.) STRATTON ALSO COMMENTED IT WAS OBVIOUS FROM CASUAL TOUR OF KINSHASA SHOPS THAT RHODESIAN GOODS COMING INTO ZAIRE. HOWEVER, HE AGREED TO SEEK DETAILS FROM HMG RE UN ASPECT.

3. LONDON SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED STRATTON THAT IN ITS REPORT TO APPROPRIATE UN COMMITTEE IT DID LIST ZAIRE AMONG VIOLATORSOF SANCTIONS AND IT HAS SENT HIM DETAILS. ON SEPT 23 STRATTON REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH UMBA TO PROVIDE REQUESTED CLARIFICATION. IS ANXIOUS TO GET IT BEFORE UMBA LEAVES FOR NEW YORK.

4. UK EMBASSY IS HOPEFUL GOZ-HMG CONFRONTATION CAN BE AVOIDED. NOTES PRIVATELY THAT FOLLOWING ITS DEMARCHE TO DEPTFONAFF LAST FALL IT SUGGESTED TO LONDON THAT STRAIN ON GOZ-HMG RELATIONS MIGHT BE LESSENERED IF OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES COULD BE BROUGHT TO TAKE LEAD IN CHALLENGING ZIAIRE TO REPECT SANCTIONS. SEES SOME GROUNDS FOR BELIEF THAT AFFAIR MAY BLOW OVER QUIETLY IN FACT THAT MOBUTU DID NOT PERSONALLY SUMMON STRATTON, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE IN KEEPING WITH HIS CHARACTER IF HE HAD BEEN VERY ANGRY. SHOULD UMBA MAKE PUBLIC DENIAL IN UNGA, UK EMBASSY HAS LITTLE DOUBT CONVINCING EVIDENCE WILL BE PRODUCED TO SUBSTANTIATE CHARGES, THUS COMPOUNDING ZAIRE'S DISCOMFITURE.
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